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Sir:

Responsive to the Action mailed November 8, 2001, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification

Please re-write the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-12, to read as follows:

--This application is a continuation of application No. 08/763,847, filed December 4, 1996, now Pat. No. 5,841,886, which is a continuation of application No. 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/436,134, <sup>filed May 8, 1995,</sup> now Pat. 5,748,763, which is a continuation-in-part of copending application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994, now Pat. 5,768,426, which is a continuation-in-part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993, now abandoned.--

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